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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:)
WONG *et al.*)
Serial No. 09/160,635)
Filed: September 24, 1998)
For: IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR)
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF)
DRUGS BY COMBINING)
HYDROPHILIC AND)
HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS)

Examiner: Webman, E.

Group Art Unit: 1617

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed on October 18, 1999 in the above-reference application. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time together with the fee therefor, thereby making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-60179-2/DJB/TAL).

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In response to required species election, Applicant elects species a) set forth in the Office Action wherein the implant comprises any therapeutic agent. The claims readable thereon include Claims 10-29. In accordance with the Examiner's request, further election is made to the species of Claim 11, wherein the release modulator is a hydrophilic entity and the therapeutically active agent is a hydrophobic entity, and to the species from Claim 13 wherein the anhydrous solid structure of the implant is a particle.

If a telephone call will help expedite any aspect of the prosecution of the instant application the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 415-781-1989, or by facsimile at 415-398-3249.

Respectfully submitted,

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